

a cylinder constructed of at least one cylindrical member so as to contain therein a plunger for pressurizing fuel; and

a sleeve body containing the nozzle body and the cylinder,

wherein the sleeve body has a straight portion having a constant inner diameter for containing the nozzle body,

wherein the nozzle body has a plurality of cylindrical members, each of the cylindrical members has a constant outer diameter and is encompassed by the straight portion of the sleeve body, and

wherein a gap formed between an outer circumference of one of the plurality of cylindrical members and an inner circumference of the straight portion, is smaller than a gap formed between an outer circumference of the others of the plurality of the cylindrical members and the inner circumference of the straight portion.

2. (Amended) A fuel injector according to claim 1, wherein said one of the plurality of cylindrical members is said separating plate.

sub 02 3. (Amended) A fuel injector according to claim 1, wherein cutaways are formed in an outer circumference of said one of the plurality of cylindrical members.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are presently pending. Claims 4-8 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Please see Appendix I for a marked-up version of the amended claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the